

USE SUB CHASERS AS RUM SMUGGLERS

Hundreds of These Speedy Boats Built During War Engaged in Booze Traffic

369 HAVE BEEN SOLD

From sub chaser to rum smuggler—there's the story told by men in slipping circles of the boats which, sleek into coves and inlets along the Atlantic Coast and land their cargo of contraband liquor.

Hundreds of these speedy boats, built during the war for both home and foreign service, have been sold to private individuals by the Government. Since the signing of the armistice, when there were 444 submarine chasers, some have been made into large speed boats, others into fishing smacks, and still others into cruising yachts, but the remainder have a shadow cast over their name.

Stirring tales of thrilling chases through heavy seas have been told by coast guards who have sighted the staunch craft nosing their way along the coast. The power boats of the coast guards and customs officials proved unworthy competitors when it came to a running tilt, so none have been captured.

Commander J. C. Johnson, now acting supply officer at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, said yesterday after checking over navy records that all but seventy-five of the speed boats have been sold. Of this number, eight are in foreign ports being offered for sale and three are out of commission. The remaining sixty-four are in active service, a number of them being stationed at the Annapolis Naval Academy for student training. Others have been allotted to the various naval districts for the use of naval reservists.

While no positive information is in the hands of Commander Johnson or other officials attached to the navy yard to the effect that a certain boat or boats are rum smugglers, stories have reached their ears concerning the mysterious operations of several in the Great Lakes and the Atlantic seaboard.

Customs officials along the Canadian border are sponsors for a story that a 110-foot speed boat, supposedly a sub-chaser, was sighted in Lake Ontario last week running without lights. When the boat failed to answer signals directed for it, customs officials started after in their speed launch capable of developing fourteen knots an hour. Customs men stood by the watch and confidently expected to soon overhaul the chaser when the crew of the sub-chaser sped them, however, the race was so one-sided the customs men abandoned the chase.

Similar tales have been recounted from the New England coast by fishing smacks which have sighted the small craft. From a theoretical standpoint the sub-chaser is an ideal craft for rum smuggling, according to navy men, inasmuch as it is a powerful boat, capable of making eighteen knots an hour in rough seas, and will stand up under almost any kind of treatment. Since it is 110 feet long and built in breadth accordingly, it is seaworthy even in the roughest weather.

FIREBOAT LAUNCHED

Former Mayor's Widow Christens the Rudolph Blankenburg

The new fireboat Rudolph Blankenburg was launched yesterday from the yard of the Sullivan Boatbuilding Company, at Port Elizabeth, N. J. The new craft was christened by Mrs. Lucretia Blankenburg, widow of the late Mayor.

In the presence of several members of Mayor Moore's Cabinet, who, with their wives, journeyed to New Jersey to see the launching, Mrs. Blankenburg broke a bottle of champagne across the bow of the vessel. After the launching, Director of Public Safety Cortelou made a tour of inspection.

Wins a Bicycle



PAUL D. FLEISCHER

Kennington avenue boy whose subscription contest will be ending for him when his vacation ends

OUR WOMEN HONOR POILU

Philadelphia War Mothers at Ceremony in Paris

Philadelphia War Mothers' tribute to the unknown poilu buried beneath the Arche de Triomphe in Paris, was paid yesterday by Mrs. Blanche Bellak and a party from this city, according to a cable dispatch.

While a wreath entwined with the red, white and blue of the two nations was laid on the tomb, a crowd which always gathers when homage is paid to the unknown dead, stood with bowed heads. To the more elaborate offering were added small flowers purchased by individuals and laid on the marble slab.

Four American soldiers, helmeted and armed, stood at attention beside two French soldiers during the ceremony.

CHARITY SUIT FILED

Will Settle Dispute Over Bequest to Institution

A suit in equity was filed in Delaware County yesterday by Attorney W. Roger Fronfield on behalf of the J. Lewis Crozer Home for Incurables and Homoeopathic Hospital in Upland, to perpetuate the testimony of the witnesses to the will of Mary S. Crozer. The defendants are Judges Isaac Johnson, William B. Broomall, William H. Jessup and others.

The plaintiffs say that upon the distribution of the amount in the hands of the executors of the will some of the defendants asserted that the legacies to the hospital and Crozer Home are void, because Judge Broomall, one of the witnesses to the will, was not a disinterested witness.

TO BUILD POLICE BOAT

Chester Shipyard is Awarded Contract by Cortelou

As the lowest bidder, the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation, at Chester, has been awarded the contract by Director Cortelou, of the Department of Public Safety, to build a police and fire boat for this port. It is specified that the craft will be completed in seven months at a cost of \$212,490.

The new boat will be of the most modern type for fire protection in the harbor. The length will be 120 feet over all, beam twenty-eight feet and depth twelve feet nine inches, with a draught of nine feet.

It will be equipped with a vertical compound engine developing 500 indicated horse-power, steam for which will be supplied by two Babcock and Wilcox boilers set for oil burning.

END OF VACATION MEANS BIKE RIDE

Boy's Black Beauty Comes While He Is Away on Pleasure Trip

WANTS TO HURRY HOME

Paul Douglas Fleischer, 3509 Kennington avenue, stands out as a striking example of a boy who is anxious to get home from his vacation. This surprising attitude on the part of a fourteen-year-old boy is due to the fact that he has just received word at Upland that he has won a "Black Beauty" bicycle.

"I am tickled pink," writes the boy, "and am just crazy to get back home so that I can ride the bike."

As soon as he had made up his mind to try for the bike, Paul got busy. The first afternoon he obtained eighteen subscriptions to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER and in a few days he had run past the required number of thirty-five subscriptions and did not stop until he had amassed thirty-eight.

He will ride the bike to school, where he has so far won high honors. As a student at the Holmes Junior High School he distinguished himself as an orator and a thespian. He introduced Mayor Moore and Judge Patterson as speakers at the All-American Day celebration in April and was seriously considered by David Belasco for an important part in "The Return of Peter Grimm." He was dramatic editor of the school paper, as well as business manager and president of the Camera Club. This fall he will go to the West Philadelphia High School for Boys.

Oliver Lawson, 2230 Carpenter street, is another young hustler who secured his quota of thirty-five subscriptions, with one over, in ten days. Oliver writes that he can ride his bike as well as any good rider, although he has just received it. "All the neighbors are talking about it," says the boy, "and any boy or girl who passes up this chance I am sorry for."

BLESS CLARES CHAPEL

Edifice of Most Ancient of Religious Orders is Dedicated

Attended by the singing of solemn high mass, the new chapel of the Poor Clares, one of the most ancient of religious orders of the Roman Catholic Church, at Girard and Corinthian avenues, was dedicated early yesterday. Ceremonies were opened at 6:45 A. M. The Rev. Hector Papi, a Jesuit father of Woodstock, Md., College, who was delegated by Cardinal Dougherty in his absence to bless the chapel, performed the dedicatory ceremonies.

The Poor Clares, whose history dates back 712 years to the Middle Ages, have been established in Philadelphia only some five years, having come here at the instigation of John E. McClatchey, who wished to establish a memorial to his deceased wife whose name was Clare, and who had taken interest in the ancient order which bore her name. Mr. McClatchey purchased the property on Girard and Corinthian avenues, which is now their home, and made extensive alterations to suit the order.

SUES TO PROTECT BEQUEST

Crozer Home Takes Action Under Will of Mary S. Crozer

Media, Pa., Aug. 10.—W. Roger Fronfield has filed a suit in equity on behalf of the J. Lewis Crozer Home for Incurables and Homoeopathic Hospital, in Upland, for the purpose of perpetuating the testimony of the witnesses to the will of the late Mary S. Crozer.

The defendants are given the usual thirty days to file an answer. They include Judges Isaac Johnson, William B. Broomall, William H. Jessup and others.

The suit is to protect the interest, if any, that the home has under the will, which bequeaths a total of \$120,000 to the institution after life interests of Herbert Stotesbury, his wife, Emily, and Sarah Berry have expired.

The suggestion has been made that Judge Broomall, a witness to the will, was not a disinterested witness, having been connected with the home, and that the bequests to the home are, therefore, void under an act of Assembly.

It is averred by the home that the question of the legality of the bequests to it cannot be passed upon until the life interests have expired. When that time arrives the witnesses now in a position to give testimony in the matter must be dead, it is declared, and their testimony therefore should be taken now and perpetuated for use at the proper time.

OUTING AT SWARTHMORE

450 Mothers and Children Are on Picnic Today

Four hundred and fifty mothers and children left on a special train this morning from Broad Street Station to enjoy a day as the guests of the Swarthmore Picnic Association at Swarthmore. The picnic is an annual affair. The party was arranged by the Children's Country Week Association, of which Mrs. W. L. Blithe is president.

WANT SCHOOL IMPROVED

Conshohocken to Vote on Bond Issue of About \$50,000

Conshohocken taxpayers will be given an opportunity at the election next month to pass upon the question of providing means, through a bond issue, for much-needed additional public school facilities.

There were nearly 200 pupils on half session, for want of room, last term, and with this number increasing each month the need for additional room is imperative. The financial condition of the district will not allow of any expenditures without the issuing of bonds, and permission for this must first be gotten from the taxpayers.

It is estimated that \$50,000 will be necessary to make the needed improvements. A twelve-room addition to the present high school building will cost, it is stated, about \$35,000, and other necessary expenditures will bring the needed total to about \$50,000.

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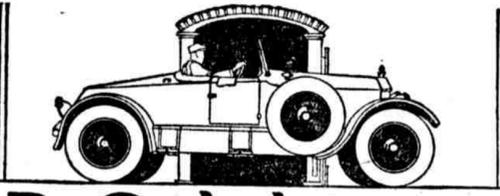
NIGHT GOWNS—of fine white nainsook, with round neck and set-in sleeves; prettily trimmed with lace—\$3.25.

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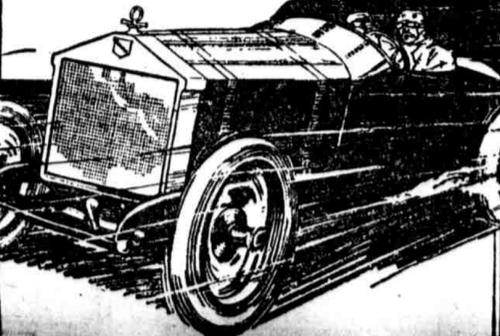
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